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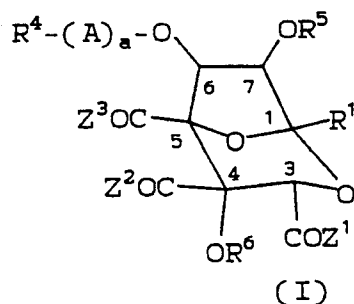
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(54) **Novel cholesterol lowering compounds.**

(57) Disclosed herein are compounds of structural formula (I)



These compounds are also useful as inhibitors of squalene synthetase, inhibitors of fungal growth, inhibitors of farnesyl-protein transferase and farnesylation of the oncogene protein Ras. These compounds are also useful in the treatment of cancer.

which are useful as cholesterol lowering agents.



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